

## SOFT COAL MINING IS OVERDEVELOPED, COMMISSION SAYS

Too Many Mines and Too Many Miners Is Conclusion Drawn From Survey.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Studies of the United States Coal Commission already have developed the conclusion among its members that the bituminous coal mining industry in the United States is overdeveloped, and that good business and good citizenship require investment to cease from embarking upon new coal mining operations, according to a statement just issued.

Except in a few localities, where transportation conditions may modify the general rule, the commission asserted, increased mining activity will do harm. The present excessive coal mining capacity, the commission further said, "cannot for long lower the price of coal simply because that condition of things is wasteful."

"Too many soft coal mines and too many miners describes the situation in plain English," the commission's statement said. "In these coal mines more capital is invested and more miners are employed than are needed

to produce the coal the country requires. This condition, of course, involves waste on a country wide scale.

"How to deflate the coal industry is one of the many problems before the commission. It seems plain enough, however, that the industry should not be further inflated by opening new mines."

Existing bituminous mines, the statement continued, can produce theoretically 1,000,000,000 tons of coal per year, while the country consumes only 500,000,000 tons. The result, in some places, is to bring about, the commission said, a "mine working time which is too short to pay adequately either owners or miners."

### SEEKS TO STABILIZE DOLLAR'S REAL VALUE

#### Bill Aims at Readjustment on Price Averages.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—To make the American dollar buy as much one time as another is the ambition of Representative Goldsborough (Dem., Md.), who has introduced a bill for the purpose. Hearings will be held Dec. 15 in the House Banking and Currency Committee, when a number of business leaders will be present. Mr. Goldsborough incorporated in his measure some of the economic theories of Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale, who has studied fluctuating dollar values.

The bill proposes to fix a Government average of prices for the leading commodities, this average to be par. The dollar at that time will be worth 100 cents. Price averages will be taken periodically to ascertain fluctuations in order that the dollar's purchasing power may be stabilized by increasing or decreasing its silver content.

## Group Exhibition By the Dialists at The Co-operative

By W. G. Bowdoin.

The second exhibition at the Artists' Co-operative Galleries in the Gidding Building, No. 734 Fifth Avenue, consists of a showing by the Dialists, a group of American painters, which is to be continued until Dec. 16. The

catalog contains thirty-five numbers besides the sculpture.

One of the most seasoned contributors in the present group is Robert S. Amant of the Peninsula, who is Art Director of The World. Mr. Amant is represented by four paintings, three of which are conceived with the Canadian Rockies. These studies are broadly but decoratively executed, and show the influence of cubism here and there.

Mr. Amant succeeds, however, in conveying a strictly coherent idea of the mountains and the mountainous country and its solidarity, with some

good cloud masses well introduced.

The best picture of the three is entitled "Bow River, Canadian Rockies," and shows the bend in the river, painted in an appealing blue.

Xavier J. Barile has contributed a fairly good portrait of Walter Fullmer. His portrait of Miss Rosina Farronchi, although larger and more pretentious, lacks somewhat in detail. The girl's red frock is highly spectacular.

"A Good Story," by Eugene J. Sulay, is characterized by excellent composition and some good color combinations. The flesh tones of the

girl, who is shown engaged with her book, are, however, not entirely convincing.

Vern B. Leeper has sent four canvases. She is far happier in her landscapes, than in the case with her portraits.

Her picture catalogued "Sunshine," features a bungalow with woody surroundings and a rock garden of red blooms. A girl appears in the act of reading on the porch.

Miss Leeper's "Loneliness," presents some sand dunes that are pleasingly interpreted. The values are good.

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